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L.1 - To polish and publish a modern retelling of Romeo and Juliet.

One tiresome early morning in Verona, two restaurants called the Montague's and Capulets began the aggressive argument between who mostly had calories and horse meat in their burgers. Two home delivery vans from each store set each other's Sab Nax to the wrong house as they stopped at the petrol station to give a gift to the Stomach. This was another incident which so far included hacking into the tills, changing codes and prices, colouring barcodes to being big bold bright black so it could not be scanned also taking meat-free burgers to the omnivores and meat burgers to Vegetarians. As a consequence of this customers had been having unwanted bargains, they also stopped buying at the shop. Subsequently the mayor of Verona would give both stores a rating of Out of business if things carried on.

As time passed by the Capulet 'Eat the spicy chicken burger' competition was held outside a burger van, surrounded by advertisements for their stores and catering services smelling like chips as salty as the sea. The victorious conqueror was announced as Tybalt. Sneakily intruders tip-toed through the open gate, the trespassers names were Romeo, Benvolio and Mercutio, they laughed at this revelation. As time passed on that evening to celebrate Tybalt's achievement they all went inside for a ball and all gathered guests glided glancing towards their partner across the hall. Unfortunately there was a young soul named Juliet who longed for a partner. Heart beating quickly Romeo caught attention of such beauty and slowly began being magnetised to her. As quick as a flash they knew they were like peas in a pod together. They insisted on getting married straight away.

Not long after, the unknown secret wedding day had come closer and their priest Friar Lawrence married the couple from rival families, Romeo and Juliet. Further that day Romeo was strolling in the streets of Verona when all of a sudden he was ambushed by Juliet's cousin, Tybalt. Furiously Tybalt yelled, "So young Romeo, you and your little friends think my achievement was so funny and hilarious do you?" "Excuse me please I'm begging you Tybalt I don't want to fight I'm a lover." Replied Romeo. He then calmly walked away.

Suddenly Mercutio pronounced, "I am the mighty one who shall fight you!"  
"Very well then if you're not a little chicken who has no defence," Tybalt exclaimed.  
The two men fought but unfortunately Mercutio fell to his death. With Romeo finding this out he raced back and killed Tybalt in rage and anger. The mayor of Verona banished Romeo from this town.

Meanwhile, Juliet ran to Friar Lawrence after experiencing some life changing news; her parents were trying to force her to have the best day of her life with Paris. Eager to help his pal, Friar Lawrence began to think of a scheme to keep the couple he married together. As quick as a flash a little lamp shone bright in his brain and he found a solution. He grinded little capsules to make her fall asleep inside some minced beef and created a burger. Convinced he had done it, he exclaimed, "Eat this burger and you will appear dead for forty-two hours. You can then run away with your only love Romeo." Friar Lawrence told Juliet.

"Please put a message on Verona book for my Romeo to know I am not dead because he will do something stupid!" pleaded Juliet.  
He replied of course my fair lady of course I won't forget!

Not long after, Lord and Lady Capulet discovered that Juliet did not awake for work. Curiously they hiked the mountain high staircase up to her chamber to see what was going on. Much to their surprise their delicate dancing daughter was dead. They wept and wept and wept in heart-breaking motion at this loss. Sorrowfully they transported Juliet onto her last journey to the family cemetery. Adventuring through the bushes, Romeo's personal assistant Balthazar was observing this sight. Immediately he ran to Romeo to tell him this. Romeo fell to the floor pausing because of the heart-breaking news. Heeky he announced, "If my wife is dead then so am I." At the same time Friar Lawrence knew some thing was wrong.

Parting, Romeo arrived at the cemetery with his eyes being hollow like chocolate easter eggs as he saw her body in a grave, lying down lifeless. Wailing he pecked his love for the last time and drank his poison to drift to his death. Moments later Juliet awoke from her silent slumber. All of a sudden her heart shattered to pieces as she saw Romeo's soulless body. She stretched out for a dagger and plunged it into her heart. The two lovers united in heaven and began their love life again. After some time the body of Romeo was found and then Juliet's. Both restraints were pired and full of guilt knowing they were responsible for the deaths.

The mayor of Verona was unsympathetic and he announced, "For  
never was there a story of more woe, than that of Juliet and her  
Romeo."<sup>99</sup>